



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1648
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03495.0050-16

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Marc ALIZON et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1648
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Appln. No.: 09/988,213)	Examiner: Parkin, J.
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Filed: November 19, 2001)	Confirmation No. 8195
)	
For: Nucleic Acids Containing the)	
Human Immunodeficiency Virus)	
Type 2 (HIV-2) Pol Gene And A)	
Method for Producing a Polypeptide)	
Encoded By The Nucleic Acids)	
(Amended Title))	
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of April 7, 2004. A fee of \$980.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any
additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 5, 2004

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